WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.   A method for operating a track management system, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a COTS application server

5   capable of receiving data in a Java Two Enterprise Edition (J2EE) compliant protocol;

generating data representing target information, and communicating said data to said COTS application server in the form of a

10   Java Two Enterprise Edition (J2EE) compliant protocol;

providing a plurality of computer processing arrangements, each of which is capable of processing Java;

15   in said application server, processing said J2EE compliant data with a plurality of Enterprise Java Beans software components, establishing those of said computer processing arrangements in which said data is

20   processed;

providing said J2EE compliant data to the selected ones of said computer processing arrangements, for thereby generating processed data; and

25   providing said processed data to a user.

2.   A method for operating a track management system, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a COTS application server
arrangement capable of receiving data in a Java
Two Enterprise Edition (J2EE) compliant
protocol;

generating data representing target
information, and communicating said data to
said COTS application server in the form of a
Java Two Enterprise Edition (J2EE) compliant
protocol;

providing a computer processing
arrangement which is capable of processing J2EE
compliant software components;

in said application server
arrangement, processing said J2EE compliant
data with one of (a) an Enterprise Java Bean
software component arrangement and (b) a Corba
software component arrangement to establish
those of said computer processing arrangements
in which said data is processed;

providing said J2EE compliant data to
the selected ones of said computer processing
arrangements, for thereby generating processed
data; and

providing said processed data to a
user.

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